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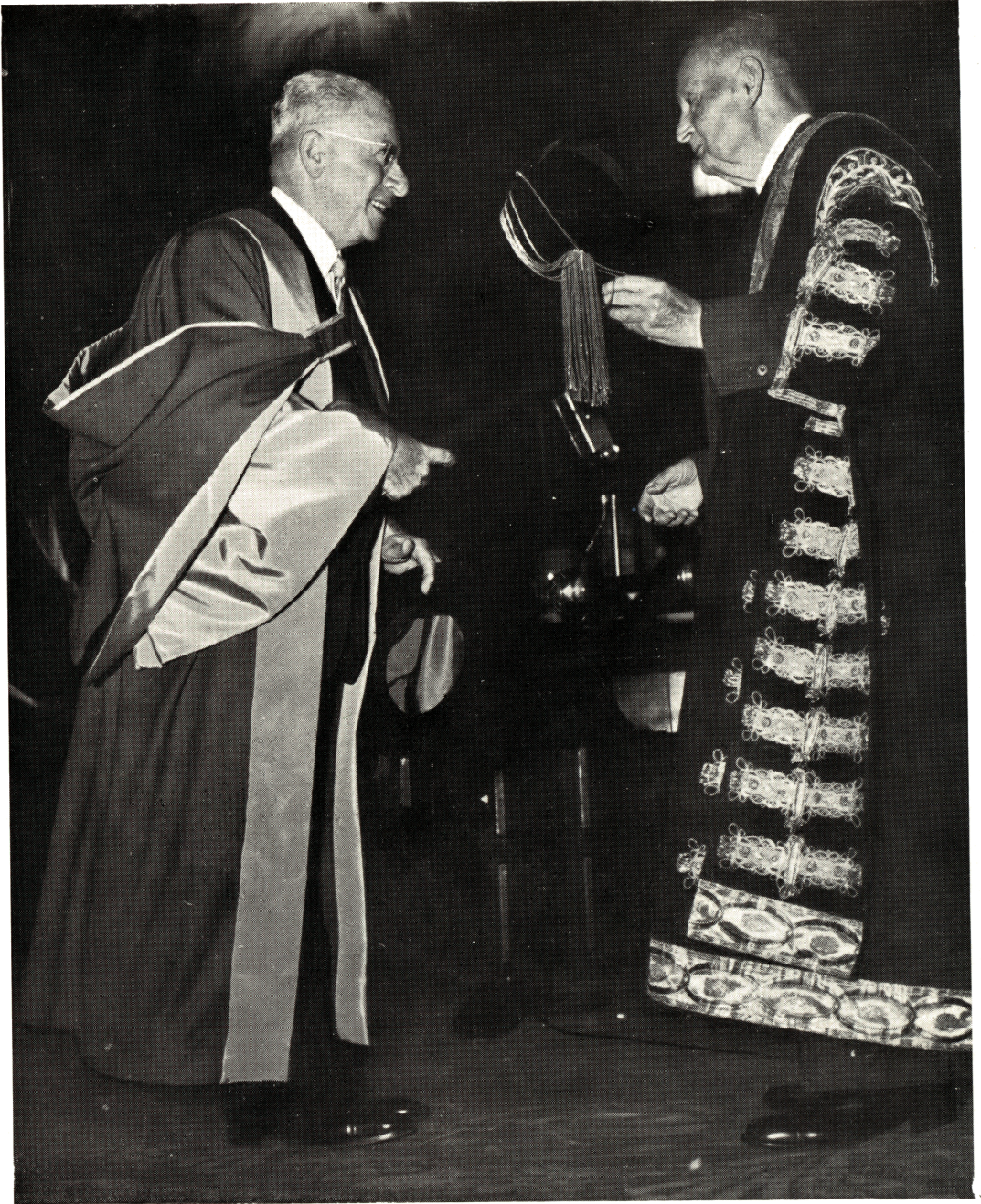
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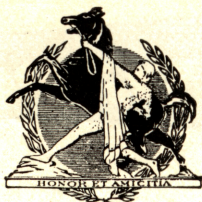
PICTURE OF THE MONTH



Adolph Basser, D.Sc.

The one and only Adolph Basser, in cap and gown of a Doctor of Science, receiving his degree in recognition of his many Services to the University, on 5th May.

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KEEPING POSTED

WITH only a little over half of the first round played at the time of writing, it's far too early for even the wisest of experts to make any forecasts for the Club's Billiards and Snooker Tournaments. Entries are at least as good as previous years — and interest will mount as the games progress. For results to date, see page 9, where you will also find the second-round draw for the Snooker.

JACK KEOGH is more than happy to receive proxy congratulations on behalf of his schoolboy son — who was a member of the victorious Grammar crew in the G.P.S. Head-of-the-River Eights.

THIS is the season for the accolade of grandfatherhood to be bestowed on our commit-

teemen; congratulations are in order for Claude Moore and Frank Carberry — both achieved the distinction during April.



DANCING and CONCERT NIGHT

Dining Room, Saturday,
28th May, 1955

Commencing 6.30 p.m.

Cover Charge, 5/- per person

Reservations may be made at
Club Office

BON Voyage to Stan Higginson and Bruce Kennedy (Warner Bros.). Both left for a trip to Japan last month—now back in Club.

SEVERAL happy parties of members made the pilgrimage to Newcastle for the N.J.C. May Meeting on May 2nd . . . headed by committeemen Claude Moore, Bill Sellen, Alf Collins, Ernie Vandenberg and Sam Peters. Somehow a number of those named managed to find themselves at Newcastle Tattersall's — where, they say, the hospitality is as good as ever.

SEVERAL notes have recently been received from country and interstate members who stayed at the Club during the Easter season. It's worth remembering, if you are one of those who come to Sydney and have to rely on finding accom-

EDITORIAL: Our Country Friends

Membership of Tattersall's Club claims sportsmen from other States and country districts. City members who attended the three days' Cup meeting of Tamworth Jockey Club met a number of those fellows.

They bore unmistakably the imprints of the country; sun-tanned and wiry, hearty in hospitality. They also followed a custom of wearing in hatbands tickets issued for the official stand, which was quaint, but gave the assembly a character of its own. Otherwise, these fellows might have been lifted from a cross-section of Randwick, Rosehill or Canterbury. The scene, too, was familiar in commotion.

Perhaps countrymen in the mass knew form better and were not afraid to follow it. They were certainly more philosophical about the fortunes of the game. Their outlook seemed to be summed up in: "There's always a next."

The difference in locality did not matter. The people fitted into the pattern of racing as it is fashioned everywhere; proving that what makes the racing game is the human element more than crack horses — which in the city seem unaccountably to crack occasionally — gay gardens and great stands. And that's the sport as it should be, which is good to realise — and to remember.

Happy Birthday to You!

MAY

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J. Reid-Hill |
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E. Eccles
F. C. Horley
S. Lenzer
R. J. Corrick
A. A. Joel
F. P. Leonard | 17 L. R. Harrison
W. J. P. Morgan |
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H. R. Miller |
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F. C. R. Waters | 24 G. Laforest
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J. E. Pagan | 25 M. W. Hawk-
ford |
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C. R. Tarrant
J. T. Hackett |
| | 27 A. E. Willis |
| | 28 George Chiene
R. J. A. Gray |
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I. Green | 7 H. J. Robertson
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L. O. Traynor | N. Flohm
L. M. Purcell |
| 3 F. G. Harvie
John Wars | 8 R. M. Colechin
G. W. Bray |
| 4 F. R. Clift
Struan Smith | 9 S. Baker
H. Bassett |
| 5 Alfred Brookes | 10 J. M. Mills |
| 6 R. N. Dowling
L. S. Parker | 11 C. E. Young
J. F. Maunsell
Dr. B. Maguire |

modation, that the Club offers facilities for a stay that are equal to the best — plus the friendly atmosphere that no hotel can ever give. It is true that our bedroom accommodation is limited, but it pays to ask the Secretary about the possibility of staying at the Club, first — rather than as a last resort.

REG Alderson is an addition to the sick list this month — he's in St. Vincent's Hospital for a spell. Reports say that he is doing well, expects to be back with us in a few weeks.

ROB McLEISH, president of the Green Room Club of Melbourne, expects to leave for England on 23rd May. He was far away, prematurely but satisfactorily, when he was here a week or two ago — in fact

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| 12 W. M. Edmonds | 21 H. R. Bowden |
| 13 F. M. Daly,
M.H.R. | A. W. Dye
C. F. Wright |
| J. A. O'Brien
A. J. Neustadt
H. J. Pamphilon | 22 L. A. Davis
Raymond J.
Murphy
P. A. Godhard |
| 14 E. J. Carroll
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C. J. Manning |
| | 29 A. J. Genge
L. A. Campbell
R. O. Cummings |
| | 30 R. A. Howes
Morgan Ford
B. L. Cutler |

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

the party transferred itself to Mascot to make sure he got on the correct Melbourne plane.

SORRY to report that Frank Underwood is not enjoying the best of health — he's not quite a qualifier for the sick list, but is confined to his home at the time of writing. On the other hand, good news of Leo Stevens, who is out of hospital and up and about.

BILL GILSON has been in the Club quite a few times; he's currently on shore leave, but expects to be off on the run to the East again soon.

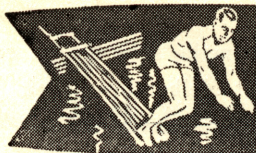
RON HACKETT is just back from England — full of new ideas in the printing field, so the reports say.

SPARE a moment to envy N. C. White and C. Stewart who at this very moment are basking in the sun at Lord Howe.

MR. and Mrs. H. R. GOUGH are another couple to be envied—they're on a combined business and pleasure trip to the U.S.A.

GOOD wishes go with Hon. W. F. Sheahan who is attending a Law Conference in London.

MORE world travellers: Stephen Blau, off to U.S.A.; Col Penfold, to the United Kingdom; F. T. Leech, now in London.



IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

Newcomer Arthur Allsop Scores in April

New member Arthur Allsop proved too good for Geoff Laforest in the last monthly Point Score, and swam out a good winner by two and a half points.

IN the current series, too, Allsop is right up near the lead, a tie with Laforest, only a point behind Clive Hoole who has made a really good come-back.

Actually four of our swimmers have had things very much their way since the last issue of the Magazine.

The records of these four make interesting reading. Geoff Laforest has scored 46 points from two wins, a second and two thirds, Arthur Allsop 43½ from 2-3-1, Fred Harvie 36 from 1-0-2, Stu. Murray 33½ from 1-0-2.

They have all been swimming very well and figure amongst the leaders in the "Native Son" yearly point score in which Laforest has headed off Harold Herman and leads by 12½ points from Harvie, Herman being relegated into third place with Murray, Bob Harris, Cuth. Godhard, Fred Miller and Ralph Corrick following and all at or over the century.

The Brace Relay races have been responsible for some good time breaking efforts, prize effort being by Hoole and L.

Bowes when they beat the handicap by 2.2 secs. and at that they were not far ahead of Daly and Allsop who cut two seconds off theirs whilst Corrick and Lindsay were 1.7 to the good.

Amongst the individuals, Viv Thicknesse and Cuth Godhard lost a second each but are bearing up well.

Godhard's aim is to get down to 24 seconds and it's safe to bet that if our best conditioned member sets his cap at anything he'll go close.

A new member was welcomed recently in the person of Jack Harris, Bob's brother and he looks like improving with a few races under his belt.

Congratulations to our latest daddies, Bob Harris, Alan Stewart and Bob Adams. No wonder they have been looking perky.

Sam Block has been playing "the wag" again. Missed a couple of races whilst he went on a short break. Methinks he reckoned that if his co-worker Jack Dexter, now returned could go away for six weeks he was due for a rest, too. An-

other thought is that the strain of festivities surrounding the engagement of his son was too much for Sam. Good luck, Bruce!

Best times of the last month or two were 21-2, Bill Williams and Geoff Laforest, 21-3, Geoff Laforest, 21-4, Malcolm Fuller, 21-5, Fred Harvie, 21-6, F. L. Bowes, 21-7, Arthur Allsop and Fred Harvie.

22nd March—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap:—G. Laforest and W. Williams (44) 1, H. E. Davis and A. Allsop (44) 2, S. Murray and F. Harvie (47) 3. Time 43.5 secs.

29th March—40 yards Handicap:—1st Division: V. Thicknesse (24) 1, A. Allsop (22) 2, S. Murray (25) 3. Time 22.8 secs. 2nd Division: C. Bowes (25) 1, G. Laforest (22) 2, W. Williams (22) 3. Time 24 secs.

5th April—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap:—F. Daly and A. Allsop (50) 1, H. Herman and R. Dowling (49) and C. Bowes and G. Laforest (46) 2. Time 48 secs.

12th April—40 yards Handicap:—C. Godhard (27), S. Murray (25) 1, A. Allsop (22) 3. Time 27 and 25 secs.

19th April—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap:—G. Laforest

and A. Allsop (44) 1, W. Kendall and N. Burrell (42) 2. Time 43.2 secs.

26th April—40 yards Handicap:—1st Division: C. Godhard (27) 1, C. Hoole (25) 2, J. C. Brice (24) 3. Time 25.5 secs. 2nd Division: F. Harvie (22) 1, A. Allsop (22) 2, G. Laforest (22) 3. Time 21.7 secs.

3rd May—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap:—C. Hoole and F. L. Bowes (47) 1, R. Corroek and J. Lindsay (53) 2, C. Borves and F. Harvie (46) 3. Time 44.8 secs.

MARCH-APRIL POINT SCORE

This series resulted:—A. Allsop 28 points, 1, G. Laforest 25½, 2, S. Murray 22½, 3, W. Williams 22, 4, F. Daly and C. Bowes 21, 5, F. Harvie 19, 7, C. Godhard 16½, 8, H. Herman 16, 9, M. Fuller 15½, 10.

APRIL-MAY POINT SCORE

With one event to complete it the leaders in this series were:—C. Hoole 19, G. Laforest and A. Allsop 18, F. Harvie 17, C. Godhard 15, R. Corrick, 13, S. Murray and F. Muller 11, C. Bowes, P. Lindsay and N. Barrell 10, M. Fuller, J. C. Brice 9, R. Harris and F. L. Bowes 8.

"NATIVE SON" POINT SCORE

At 5th May the leaders in this series, for all points scored during the season were:—

G. Laforest 135, F. Harvie 122½, H. Herman 116, S. Murray 115½, R. Harris 110½, C. Godhard 105, F. Muller 103½, R. Corrick 100, C. Hoole 98½, P. Lindsay 84, H. E. Davis 82, B. Chiene 82, V. Thicknesse 81, W. Williams 73, F. Daly and T. Barrell 72½, F. L. Bowes 70½, C. Bowes 70, J. O. Dexter 69, A. Allsop 68½, C. B. Phillips 68.

BOWLING NOTES



Mid-week Competition Nears Completion

We are pushing ahead now with our Mid-week Competition and taking full advantage of the sunshine we so sadly missed last month. Nine matches were played this month and Alex Buckle is confident of playing the semi-finals and final by our next issue.

IT is now the accepted thing to see a Tattersall's rink battling out the final in the various Club competitions. The gem of all was the final of the "Triples" trophy held at the "Bay" recently, when Gordon Booth's team went down to the team skippered by Ken Ranger — It looked all sewn up for Gordon, but not to be denied, Ken with his last bowl carried the Kitty into the ditch to give him the game by 3 points. It was a brilliant shot and well merited the mighty roar that went up from the gallery.

It is understood that Fred Empson is no longer interested in being a measurer, but intends to continue as a lead — Bowls on occasion do get too hot to handle.

Our next big function is the Annual lunch and game at Waverley so far we have not been successful against our old foe, and their effervescent President Les Fingleton is gathering his stalwarts around him ready for the battle which we will describe in our next issue.

RESULTS OF APRIL MATCHES

L. Young, (Bondi Rotary) 23	d.C. Campbell, (N.S.W. Club) 18
D. Dawson, (Manly Surf) 20	„G. McDonald, (Lakes Golf) 18
N. Loader, (C'wllth Bank) 24	„E. Nettheim, (Lakes Golf) 7
C. Walton, (City Markets) 19	„W. Kay, (Manly Surf) 16
L. Lewis, (Bread Trade) 18	„H. Peters, (A.N.Z. Bank) 16
Col. Walker, (Real Estate) 25	„H. Lewarne (Shore Old Bys.) 16
C. Trost, (City Tatts) 19	„A. Kippax, (Cricketers C.) 18
E. McDonald, (Insurance) 20	„H. Hill, (Tattersalls) 16
G. Booth, (Tattersalls) 28	„K. Ranger, (Tattersalls) 11
E. Cotton, (C.B.S. Bank) 19	„I. Wyatt, (Millions Club) 15

Progeny of Boom Sire Hit Headlines at Yearling Sales

Confidence in the future of horse racing in Australia was expressed at the Randwick Easter sales, when buyers paid the huge aggregate of 357,000 guineas for yearlings by imported and locally bred sires. Several stallions were represented for the first time. Australia's record yearling sales were in 1950—375,655 guineas.

TOP price at latest sale, 6,500 guineas was paid for a handsome chesnut colt by the popular new sire, Star Kingdom (imp.) from All Occasions, bred by Mr. A. O. Ellison of Baramul stud, Kerrabee (N.S.W.).

The Star Kingdom's hit the headlines in the early part of this season when they raced for the first time. His oldest progeny are two-years. Kingster (Breeders' Plate) and Ultrablue (Gimcrack Stakes) immediately brought Star Kingdom into the limelight. Kingster has retained his brilliant form and other Star Kingdom's to win have included Reigning Star, Vendi, Thessaly Star (Brisbane), Fairy Dream and King Boonala.

Star Kingdom was a brilliant and consistent racehorse. He won nine races in England including the Sandown Park Produce Stakes, York Gimcrack Stakes, Goodwood Richmond Stakes and Ascot Jersey Stakes (carrying top-weight 9-6). He is a son of Stardust whose progeny up till the beginning of this year, had won upwards of £160,000 in stakes and is from the family which produced two famous sires, Chaucer and Swynford.

As a two-year-old Star Kingdom started in six races and won five times. His successes at two and three years were over sprint courses and maybe he will prove sire of some of Australia's smartest sprinters in the coming and later seasons. His colt from

All Occasions is a half-brother to First Occasion and he looks the part of a real racehorse.

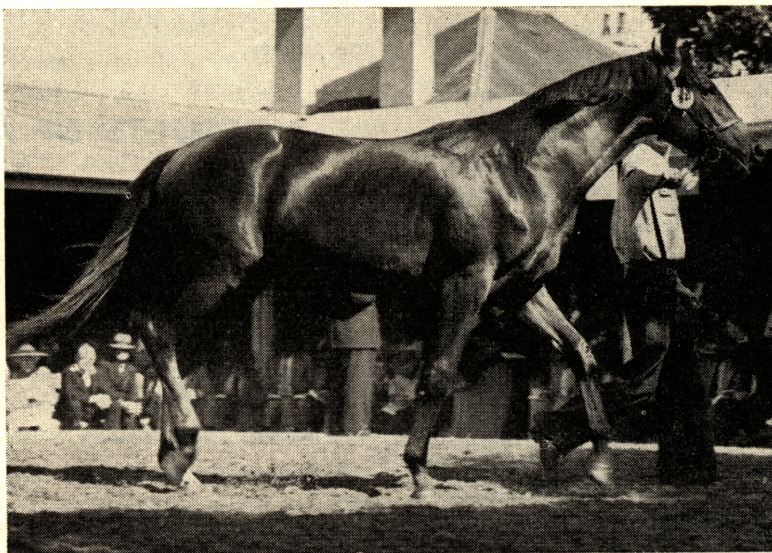
All Occasions was got by Mr. Standfast (imp.) from Mabel's Plume by Polycraft (imp.) from Waving Plume by Brakespear (imp.) from La Veive by Bebington. La Veive was a top-class performer in Brisbane where she won, among other races, Q.T.C. King's Plate, and Stanley Plate, both at weight for age.

It is hoped the game buyer of the Star Kingdom colt will be rewarded for his optimism because 6,500 gns. is a lot of money to pay for a yearling. Past History (Australia only) has shown that few yearlings of the high-priced group have proved worthy of their purchase.

One in recent years did win a classic — Deep River, a 6,000 gns. buy. However Dominant 6,750 gns. — highest in Australian history — wasn't of much account nor was Nargoon. still racing in modest company and a 6.500 gns. buy.

Noble Archer 6.500 gns. last year has yet to hit the headlines. while Canute was recently sold at auction at the Randwick sales of horses in training and stallions for 325 gns. — as a stallion. As a yearling he cost 5,200 gns. but this brother to the illustrious Shannon has proved a race flop. He did win one event — a two-year-old Maiden at Rosehill.

Buying a yearling will always be a gamble especially so far as the high-priced ones are concerned. Many in the group between 3,000 and 4,000 gns. have proved successful. List is too long to enumerate but it includes Euphrates. Silver Phantom. Prince of Fairies and Bernbrook.



A SAILOR ON HORSEBACK

The story of Admiral Rous, the
Jockey Club's great Handicapper

The Turf may be regarded as an essentially democratic institution. To attain eminence there a man need not have birth or breeding to back him up; its honours and prizes are as open to a John Gully as to a Prince of Wales. But, like most other democracies, the Turf occasionally breeds a despot. Such a one was Sir Charles Bunbury; also, in a greater degree Lord George Bentinck, and in a more striking form even than he, was Admiral Rous. Indeed, perhaps no one man has ever exercised over the Turf such a commanding influence as the old sea-dog who for nearly 40 years framed its handicaps and enforced its laws.

SECOND son of the Earl of Stradbroke, the Hon. Henry James Rous was born on January 23, 1795. After a distinguished naval career, he retired in 1836. From that moment, the Turf, to which he had always been passionately attached, claimed him for its own. In 1838 he was elected a steward of the Jockey Club, and in 1841 was returned to Parliament. In 1846 he retired from politics and devoted himself entirely to his duties as a Steward of the Jockey Club, of which body he soon became the ruling spirit.

In 1850 Captain Rous published his work on "The Laws and Practice of Horse-racing," which showed a profound knowledge of the subject, coupled with very decided views on certain points. He was no believer in the vaunted superiority of the Arab. A first-class English race-horse, he maintained, could give 6 stone to the best Arabian that can be found for any distance under ten miles. Nor was he one of those who extol the past at the expense of the present. "I suspect," he said, "That the form of the best horses of 1750 was inferior to that of a common plater of the present day." He was not opposed to sprint-racing in theory, but in

practice he admitted that "short races are detrimental to young riders; it encourages them to fight for the starts and to ride like chimney-sweeps on donkeys."

Rous thought that races should be made up to 2 miles to suit every description of horse, but racing beyond that distance he regarded as barbarous. It was his strongly-expressed opinion about handicapping, however, that perhaps attracted most attention. "Every great handicap," he said, "offers a premium to fraud, for horses are constantly started without any intention of winning, merely to hoodwink the handicapper." So sound were his views on handicapping considered to be that he soon was in request as a handicapper in matches. His first notable handicap was in the memorable match between Lord Eglington's Flying Dutchman, five years, and Lord Zetland's Voltigeur, four years, at the York Spring Races of 1851, when he made the older horse give the younger 8½ lbs., and the former won only by a short length in a race of two miles.

There had long been a cry for a public handicapper who should be above suspicion, and

in the year 1855, to the satisfaction of everyone, Admiral Rous (he had been promoted to be Rear-Admiral of the Blue in 1852) was appointed to that post by the Jockey Club. The Admiral's labours as a handicapper were stupendous. He was often to be seen, field-glass in hand, in the early morning, watching the trainers' strings at Newmarket to see if there were any shirking of work going on, with a view to tempting him to bestow a lenient impost, and his eagle eye seldom failed to detect the pulling of a horse in a race with the same end in view. Every day on his return home he noted in his big book all that he had seen, and posted it up as carefully as any merchant his ledger though occasionally some unscrupulous owner succeeded in hoodwinking one who, from his own high sense of honour, could not believe a gentleman capable of stating what was untrue. Yet as a rule all attempts to throw dust in his eyes signally failed, and his remarkable astuteness and ceaseless vigilance did much to keep within bounds the undoubted scope for dishonesty and chicanery which the system of big handicaps afforded.

In 1865 the Admiral's indefatigable labours met with fitting recognition from the racing world. On the 18th of June in that year a testimonial was presented to him at Willis' Rooms in the shape of three magnificent silver candelabra and a portrait executed by Mr. Henry Weigall, for which upwards of £3,000 had been subscribed.

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ADMIRAL ROUS—

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Like all men of strong character and individuality, the Admiral was "stiff in opinions" and not easily persuaded that they could possibly be wrong. He had his fads, too, two of the most pronounced of which were his aversion to tobacco and his objection to betting. On the former point he and his old friend George Payne were at one, both holding the opinion that half the ills that modern flesh is heir to may be traced to the use of "that vile and pernicious weed".

And to heavy wagering he was hotly opposed. In one of his impetuous letters to "The Times" he proposed that any person winning more than £30,000 over one race should forfeit his winnings, and that any Member of the Jockey Club who won more than £50,000 upon a race should be expelled from that select body.

It is not easy to follow the Admiral in his arguments, or to see why if a man be allowed to win £29,000 in the one case and £49,000 in the other without protest, he should be punished for going a thousand or two beyond those limits. But Admiral Rous often declared

that as a Turf legislator it was his chief wish to provide for the best interests of those who, as he phrased it, were "in the £10 line of business".

Against the Leviathan bettors, however — like Mr. Merry, who won £70,000 upon Thor-manby, or Sir Joseph Hawley, who netted £80,000 on Beadsman, or Messrs. Naylor and Chaplin, who landed more than £100,000 apiece on Macaroni and Hermit respectively — the Admiral's indignation was boundless.

The enemies of the Great Handicapper — and so honest, fearless, and obstinate a man was bound to have enemies — asserted that the result of this strongly held and strongly expressed objection to heavy betting was that when a dispute arose between a gentleman and a bookmaker the Admiral, if appealed to, consciously or unconsciously gave the preference to the latter. It is quite possible that in a few cases the strong bias of the Admiral's mind may have warped his sense of justice, but such cases were very rare, for he certainly strove to the best of his ability to be strictly just in all his decisions.

Another modern fashion

against which Admiral Rous lifted up his voice with much bitterness was the practice of giving extravagant presents to jockeys and trainers. He was fond of contrasting the custom of such men as Sir Charles Bunbury and the Duke of Grafton, who thought a £10 or £20 note a handsome *douceur* for winning a Derby, or Two Thousand, with that now in vogue of presenting a jockey with such sums as £1,000 or even £2,000 and £3,000. The Admiral attached little importance to jockeyship, and after many years of experience thought one jockey as good as another.

The grand old sailor-sportsman had passed his eightieth year before those who saw him on the racecourse noticed any signs of decay in his iron frame. But at last there came the "one clear call" that bade him prepare to "cross the bar". Sportsmen followed the daily bulletins all through that long and fluctuating illness, chequered with gleams of hope to the last. On the 19th of June, 1877, came the news "The Admiral is dead". And the whole sporting world felt that it had lost—

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RESULTS

GRAND BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT — RESULTS UP TO AND INCLUDING 5-5-55

L. J. Haigh	Rec. 60 beat H. J. Robertson	Owes 60 by 14
W. Longworth	Owes 100 beat E. A. Davis	Rec. 65 by 84
G. Scarf	Rec. 140 beat G. H. Elliott	Rec. 110 by 12
G. R. Bryden	Rec. 80 beat J. A. Shaw	Rec. 120 by forfeit
F. Vockler	Scratch beat G. Fienberg	Rec. 40 by 65
Harold Hill	Rec. 90 beat A. M. Watson	Rec. 75 by 80
D. N. Alexander	Rec. 125 beat W. P. Mulligan	Rec. 100 by forfeit

GRAND SNOOKER TOURNAMENT — RESULTS UP TO AND INCLUDING 5-5-55

C. Lavigne	Rec. 50 beat E. W. Abbott	Rec. 55 by 4
E. J. Baulman	Rec. 50 beat J. L. Pick	Rec. 37 by 11
K. F. E. Fidden	Rec. 32 beat H. S. Sullings	Rec. 60 by 42
T. B. Dwyer	Rec. 45 beat E. A. Collins	Rec. 50 by 1
J. L. Monaro	Rec. 50 beat A. H. Stocks	Rec. 55 by 15
J. D. Hickey	Rec. 50 beat P. W. McGrath	Rec. 50 by 46
J. H. Peoples	Rec. 33 beat F. Vockler, Jnr.	Rec. 55 by forfeit
F. J. Alderman	Rec. 35 beat S. H. Bussell	Rec. 40 by 13
J. A. Williams	Rec. 50 beat Judge Holden	Rec. 55 by 5

DRAW for 2nd Round of Snooker

E. K. White	R. 50 v. P. J. Schwarz	R. 35	J. H. Peoples	„ 33 v.	A. H. Charleston	„ 50
H. Hill	„ 43 v. C. Lavigne	„ 50			or	
J. E. Logan	„ 50 v. J. R. L. Palfreyman	„ 50			Dr. E. A. Marsden	„ 50
J. C. Rhind	„ 45 v. P. N. Roach	„ 55	J. A. Williams	„ 50 v.	C. O. Chambers	„ 50
A. M. Watson	„ 30 v. C. Scarf	„ 60			or	
C. K. MacDonald	„ 40 v. H. W. Reilly	„ 45	V. L. Kirby	„ 40 v.	A. J. Murphy	„ 50
J. Davis	„ 55 v. G. R. Bryden	„ 32	or		C. H. Oswald-Sealey	„ 43
Dr. N. H. Rose	„ 40 v. J. L. Monaro	„ 50	J. I. Armstrong	„ 55 v.		
B. M. Lane	„ 25 v. H. G. Parr	„ 50	H. H. Robinson	„ 50 v.	N. Seamonds	„ 60
K. Ranger	„ 40 v. A. V. Miller	„ 35	or			
C. E. Young	„ 35 v. J. W. Rogan	„ 40	E. A. Westhoff	„ 30 v.	S. Stewart	„ 50
L. J. Fingleton	„ 50 v. A. R. Buckle	„ 50			or	
K. F. E. Fidden	„ 32 v. A. J. Howarth	„ 35	N. C. White	„ 50 v.	I. E. Stanford	„ 45
R. F. Ratray	„ 45 v. E. A. Halcroft	„ 50			G. Fienberg	„ 32
J. D. Hickey	„ 50 v. A. S. Gordon	„ 55	C. E. Young	„ 35 v.	or	
J. F. O'Sullivan	„ 45 v.				G. J. C. Moore	„ 55
or	H. J. Robertson	„ 7	T. O. Ziems	„ 40 v.	J. Harris	„ 45
W. G. Hutchinson	„ 50 v.		or			
G. H. Elliott	„ 50 v. F. Vockler, Snr.	„ 20	L. J. Haigh	„ 40 v.	R. J. A. Gray	„ 50
H. F. R. Brooks	„ 40 v. T. B. Dwyer	„ 45			or	
L. H. Howarth	„ 35 v. J. P. O'Neill	„ 30	R. B. Barmby	„ 50 v.	C. M. McCallum	„ 37
R. G. Mead	„ 50 v.				W. E. Askew	„ 40
or	F. J. Alderman	„ 35	A. C. Gelling	„ 40 v.	or	
A. Lash	„ 37 v.				I. Silk	„ 55
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or	or		E. J. Baulman	„ 50 v. W. P. Mulligan	„ 45	
D. Lotherington	R. 60 v. E. A. Davis	„ 32				

Tipperary Trainer who knows all the 'Chasing Answers

To win one English Grand National, the most famous steeplechasing event, is an achievement in itself, but to win three in succession is really a phenomenal performance. That has been the good fortune of Tipperary trainer, M. V. O'Brien, whose latest winner, Quare Times, beat two other Irish bred 'chasers, Tudor Line and Carey's Cottage.

THE Grand National was run late March but details of the event were not available in Sydney until a couple of weeks later. The Tipperary trainer also won the big race in 1953 with Early Mist and in 1954 with Royal Tan. However winning three important events in succession was not a new experience for O'Brien as he won the Gold Cup and the Champion Hurdle race each three times in succession at the Cheltenham National Hunt meeting, a festival of steeplechasing and hurdling that is peak point of the National Hunt sport in Europe. The races named are the two top events at this meeting and it determines the champion steeplechaser of the year as well as the best hurdler.

O'Brien won the Gold Cup with Cottage Rake in 1948-49-50 and the champion hurdle in 1949-50-51, with Hatton's Grace. However these contests suffer by comparison with the Grand National as some of the best known owners and trainers have been trying almost for a lifetime to win Liverpool's most famous cross-country event.

Irish bred 'chasers' have dominated English sport for a long time. Thirty-five of them have won the last 51 Grand Nationals

which proves their superiority. It is claimed that 'chasing' is an Irish invention! Whether that be true or not the fact remains that the Irish bred jumper can hold his own against all-comers.

Hunting is a popular sport in Ireland and that is a field which produces some great jumpers. It is 200 years since the first steeplechase was run between two County Cork towns, Buttevant and Doneraile. That was a go as you please affair and no marked course. The riders either jumped or avoided fences, walls, gates, brooks and other natural obstacles in making their way between the towns named. Irish trainers exhibit a maximum of patience with jumpers. They seldom bother about training a potential jumper until it is four or five years old. Their idea is that a 'chaser is best round about his ninth year and can still prove a winner in his early 'teens.

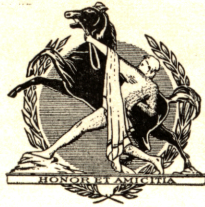
Quare Times is a good example. He was bought as a yearling by Mrs. W. H. E. Welman who won the National with him, and was then paddocked till he was two years. At three he

was handed to Vincent O'Brien to train but he actually didn't run in a race till he was a 6 year old. Could any owner of an Australian horse imagine keeping it till it was that old before racing, but of course in mentioning this, one has to note that the story concerns steeplechasing. Melbourne has some old 'chasers which keep on bobbing up as winners.

To get back to Quare Times. He raced five times only in his first year (1952) — two flat races, two hurdles, and a steeplechase. He ran five more times at seven years but last year as an eight-year-old he had four starts only and won two steeplechases. Five starts this year culminated in his win in the Grand National. In his lifetime — up till the National success — this nine-year-old had run in 19 races only.

His trainer says there are several more years ahead of Quare Times for cross-country racing, and no Irish owner or trainer is likely to pick an argument with O'Brien on this point.

Results are the only things that count and the Irish method of nursing a horse for four or five years before introducing it to steeplechasing has had much to do with the superiority of the Irish bred 'chaser in English and other European countries.



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NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday, 8th June, 1955, at 8 o'clock p.m.

B U S I N E S S :

- (a) **To confirm Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Members held on the 9th June, 1954.**
- (b) **To adopt the Annual Report, Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, and accompanying Statements for the year ended 28th February, 1955.**
- (c) **To elect a Chairman.**
Mr. John Hickey retires in accordance with the Rules, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
- (d) **To elect a Treasurer.**
Mr. John A. Roles retires in accordance with the Rules, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
- (e) **To elect Eight Members to serve on the Committee for One Year.**
Messrs. F. J. Carberry, George Chiene, A. G. Collins, A. V. Miller, G. J. C. Moore, W. H. Sellen, E. W. Vandenberg, and Donald Wilson are retiring Members of the Committee, all of whom are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly.
- (f) **To elect an Auditor or Auditors.**
Messrs. Starkey and Starkey retire and offer themselves for re-election.
- (g) **To transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Club.**

N.B.—Nominations for the office of Chairman, Treasurer, or Member of the Committee, signed by two Members, and with the written consent of the Nominee endorsed thereon, must be handed to the Secretary by 5 p.m. on the 17th May, 1955.

Nominations for Auditors must be lodged not later than 12 noon, 31st May, 1955.

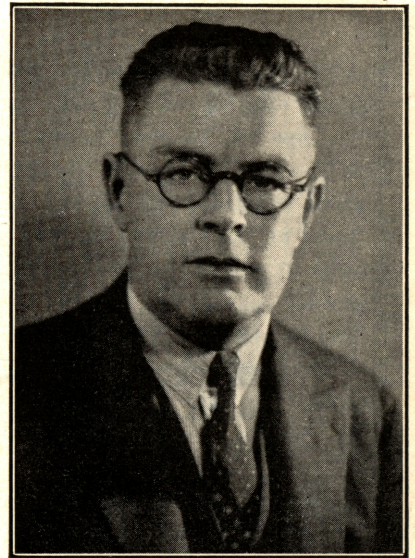
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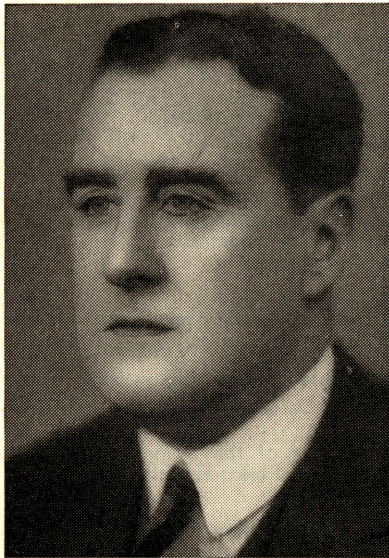
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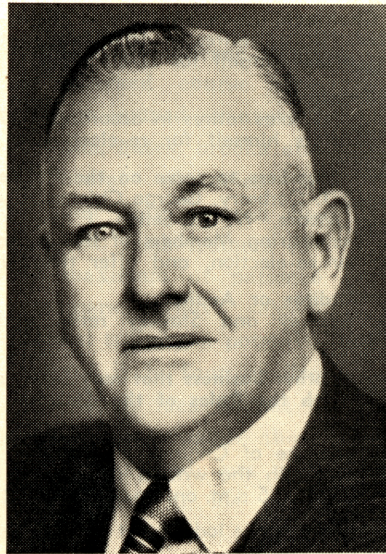
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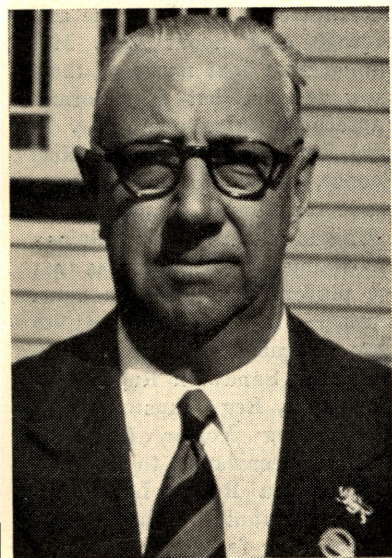
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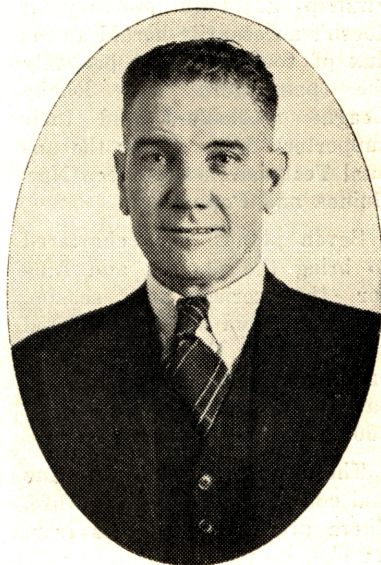
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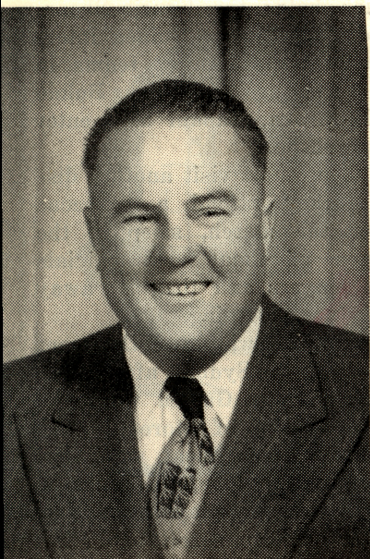
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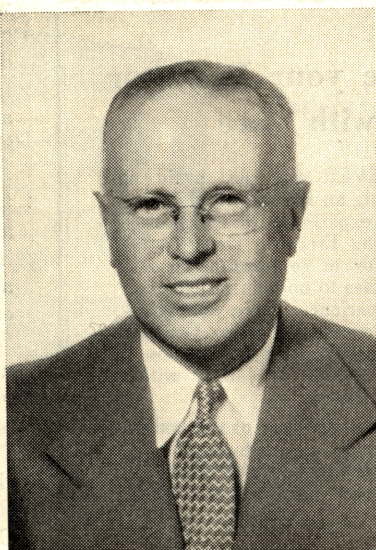
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SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOPICS

LEAGUE — IN NEW GUINEA

WHEN plane after plane lands in quick succession on the airstrip at Port Moresby it doesn't necessarily herald an influx of tourists. Most probably the passengers are Rugby League footballers and their supporters flying in for the annual Test matches between New Guinea and Papua.

Seven planes were chartered to bring the players and fans for the series last season. Six came from widely separated parts of New Guinea; the other carried the Papuan team and barrackers from Rabaul nearly 600 miles away.

The players are all Europeans and come from all walks of life. There are coffee planters from Garoka in the mountains, timber men from Bulolo, clerks, oil

company employees, shipping men and bank officials.

Last season New Guinea won the Duncan Thompson Trophy, winning the first of the major Tests at Port Moresby and losing the second Test but held the trophy which goes to the team with the best record in four games — two first and two reserve grade Tests. This year Tests will be played at Lae in June and at Port Moresby early in August.

Former international referee, Tom McMahon, came from Sydney to referee the games last year which were watched by big crowds, including groups of natives and Chinese who chattered away excitedly. The natives do not play as the Administration encourages them to take up soccer.

Compared with Australian

teams the New Guinea footballers are on the light side and average only about 12st. McMahon said that many of them show promise but only former Canterbury-Bankstown (Sydney) centre threequarter, Noel Cooper, was up to Sydney first-grade standard.

Unique feature of New Guinea and Papua Rugby League is that the players are true-blue amateurs — in fact they pay to play the game.

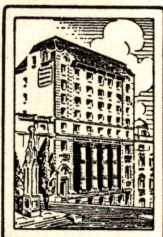
Former Sandwick Rugby Union player, Reg Johnstone, who helped Reg Vogler (now at Cairns, Queensland), to form the New Guinea Rugby League in 1951, says that the players pay for their air fares when visiting another town but are Billeted by the locals. Air fares cost each New Guinea player about £40 a season.

Johnstone is coach of Madang which holds the Kearin-Sheargold Cup, a New Guinea inter-district series. Other teams in the series are Wau, Lae, Bulolo and Garoka. Rabaul may enter this season.

When teams visit another district they attend a barbecue after the match, sleep in the homes of local club officials and players and then fly away early next morning.

Johnstone who recently spent a holiday in Sydney after eight years in New Guinea where he is in charge of stores in the Treasury Department, says that there are 19 European teams of Rugby League players in New Guinea and Rabaul. Rabaul, Lae and Port Moresby each has four teams; Madang, three, and Garoka and Bulolo two each.

All are financial, Rabaul starting last season with a credit balance of £6/4/2, but during the year the club was able to spend £3,500 on fares



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and entertainment for visiting teams. The money came from donations and admission charges to home matches. Port Moresby spent £1,105 on top-dressing the local ground. Gate receipts for the year were £1,358.

New Guinea RL secretary, Bill Johnson, a keen worker for the code, has four Chinese teams playing League at Madang as well as four native teams. The Chinese are fast players, though light, and they keep the crowd roaring from start to finish.

When the natives started playing Rugby League one player was killed in a match. An inquiry was held and it was discovered that he had been suffering from a severe attack of malaria. Reg. Johnstone says that wherever he goes in the Territory he sees the natives playing Soccer. "They put up a couple of bamboo posts and play with teams sometimes 30 aside", he says.

New Guinea League men face many hazards when playing the game. During the Madang-Garoka match last season, Madang was leading 8 nil at half-time when torrential rain fell. After half-time the field was flooded but the game went on.

Players had to dive for the ball and when they did the onrush of water propelled the ball away from them. But after the game they didn't need to go to the dressing sheds for a shower.

Most games are played in sticky heat, and players usually have to wring out their jerseys at half-time to get rid of the perspiration. Some bright officials are now bringing two sets of jerseys along to enable the players to change at half-time.

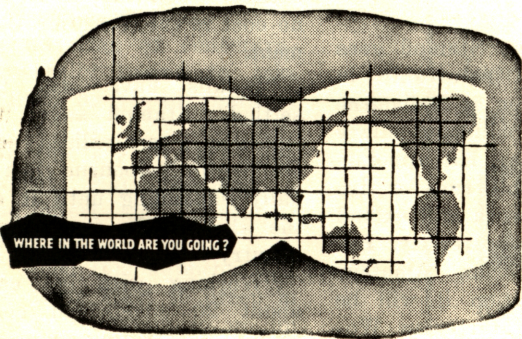
When it was decided to form a football association in New Guinea, most social clubs were canvassed to find which code they preferred and League was found to be the most favoured.

Johnstone wrote to N.S.W.R.L. secretary, Harold Matthews asking for a copy of the League's constitution and the New Guinea R.L. constitution was modelled on the N.S.W. set-up.

During his Sydney holiday, Johnstone bought a colourful blazer with him. The blazer, which is green with gold bands, has a bird of paradise emblem on the pocket. Johnstone also had a beautiful hand-painted white tie with a bird of paradise on it. But the catch was he never wore the blazer, stating that it was too hot in New Guinea, and too conspicuous in Sydney. So he carried it under his arm.

A versatile footballer, Reg Johnstone played two matches with Eastern Suburbs (Sydney) reserve grade Rugby League team in the middle 1940's and then switched to Randwick Rugby Union Club. He was a member

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of Randwick reserves when the team went through the competition unbeaten. It included such stars as Tony Paskins and Rupert Mudge, who later played Rugby League with Northern England clubs and Ken Stephens now assistant secretary of the N.S.W.R.L.

Johnstone enjoyed his stay in Sydney, but was not unhappy to return to New Guinea for what he expects to be one of the island's most successful football season.

ATHLETICS:

AN Austrian-born coach with a world wide reputation, who was interned in Australia during the war, is the key figure in a revolutionary Victorian scheme which could transform athletics in Australia. "Give me 100 young Australian athletes for a year or two, and I will produce men who will beat both the Americans and the Rus-

sians." That is the challenge with which Franz Stampfl, famous Austrian-born athletics coach, will return to Australia in July.

He has been in Australia before, though under much less happy circumstances. He was sent as a prisoner to Australia early in the war and interned at Hay, in western New South Wales, until 1941. Then he volunteered to join the Australian Army, and served as a pioneer until the war's end.

Stampfl, the man behind Roger Bannister, Chris Chataway and other British champions, is to be the key figure in a revolutionary Victorian project which may well transform athletics not only in that State but throughout Australia.

His job will be to help organise a far-reaching scheme covering the training of athletes for the Olympic Games and the development of talent drawn from varied fields.

Officially Franz Stampfl goes to take up a lectureship in physical education at Melbourne University on a minimum salary of £A1,500 a year. His appointment will probably run for five years. But his work will extend far beyond the university. Besides the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association it will be linked with the Victorian Women's AAA, the National Fitness Council, the Department of Education and various non-Government schools in Victoria.

"I don't want to become a 'cultural institution', spread over the whole countryside," Franz hastens to point out. "What I intend to do is work personally and directly with the best athletes, the best material we can uncover.

"Naturally I shall have to do some work in the schools, but the vital part of the scheme is

going to be the association with the young men who have Olympic prospects."

Man behind the Stampfl Plan is Sir Frank Beaurepaire, former Olympic swimmer and for long intensely interested in the development of amateur sport in Australia.

Sir Frank and Mr. George Pizzey, of the Overseas corporation will serve as business advisers on a powerful committee charged with the organisation of the scheme.

Others on the committee will be the Vice-Chancellor of Melbourne University, G. R. Paton, the chairman of the Victorian AAA, the Director of Education, the Director of National Fitness, the director of Melbourne University's Department of Physical Education, and as secretary Professor W. Rawlinson, who has been negotiating with Stampfl for more than two years.

The training scheme is to be entirely self-supporting, with no cost to the Victorian Government.

"Details have still to be settled," Stampfl says, "but I envisage a centralised scheme, starting in Melbourne then gradually expanding until it covers the whole State, even to remote country communities.

"Working with me can be about 20 specialised coaches, each concentrating on a different event. Each would have charge of the training of four or five athletes."

Hard Work Needed

Franz Stampfl's first task probably will be to choose and train these spare-time coaches who will work under his direction.

But he believes that his most important job will be to gain the confidence and co-operation of the individual athletes whose track careers he will direct. "I

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will be putting something new to them, quite apart from any question of technique or training schedule," the powerfully built, 41-year-old coach told me at his Chelsea flat, where he was putting the finishing touches to a book on athletics training that is to be published soon.

"If they will work, they can become champions. But they must like what they are doing. You cannot force a man to train. But if you can inspire him to work hard at his speciality then he succeeds."

"Good coaching is more than the teaching of basic techniques, and their varying application to individuals. Technique and theory are not nearly so important as a coach and athlete working together, and building that confidence between them that brings success."

GOLF:

LOSS of concentration, due to mental fatigue, is the prime cause of professionals giving away tournament golf.

This wavering of concentration generally begins to take effect from 35 to 40 years of age.

After the age of 40 tough tournament golf becomes a physical effort and concentration spasmodic.

It is when this happens that the bad shots start to creep in and the scores start to go up four strokes a round.

Playing tournament golf one is more or less a slave to the game.

Golf is different to tennis, boxing and football in so far as your active tournament playing life lasts longer.

Reason for this is unknown, because golf, although many people may not think so, is a test of physical as well as mental endurance.

When you are out on that course 16 hours at the mercy

of all sorts of weather conditions one does require a tremendous amount of stamina.

And it is the intense effort required day after day, week in and week out, in competition and practice, that must ultimately become the agent to sap one's power, and even the will to go on with it.

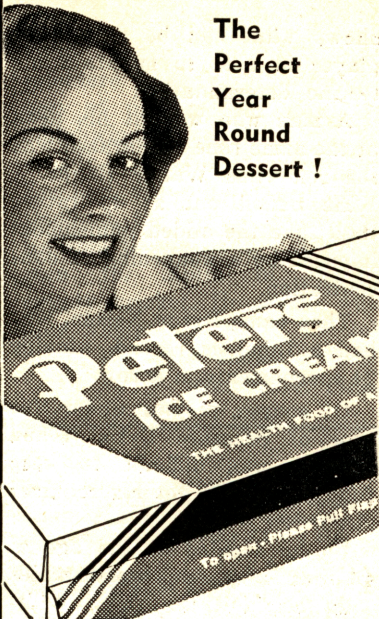
Looking into the length of the top-class golfer's life, look firstly at Bobby Jones.

He had to retire at the age of 28, purely because of the terrific strain competition golf imposed on him.

At the other extreme is Gene Sarazen, the dynamo of American professional golf.

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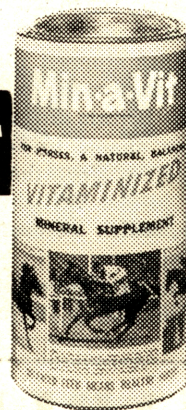
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A man who was at his peak at the same time as Sarazen was the renowned Walter Hagen.

He pulled out at 43 rather than take the added punishment imposed by a weakening of concentration.

Then came Byron Nelson, who had a fabulous record, winning 24 tournaments in a row.

Of course, playing under this type of pressure Byron found that it was difficult to keep food down and get his required sleep.

So he decided at the age of 40 that it was not worth while.

In England the three Whitcombe brothers, Charles, Reginald and Ernest, and Percy Alliss, Alfred Padgham and Henry Cotton have dominated British professional golf for well over 20 years.

With the exception of Cotton these players continued the hard tournament circuit and played until they found that their stamina had gone.

So they just stopped playing.

Cotton has such a high standing in Britain in golf it was really a shame to see him fail to qualify for the final day's play in the British Open at Birkdale, which Peter Thomson won last year.

He is staying longer in the game than advisable, especially

as his health has been a worry to him for some years.

CRICKET

ASK batsmen about the big risks in cricket and the answers usually give a picture of fast bowling flying from a greentop wicket — the kind that brings them out in a cold sweat, raises bumps on heads late in ducking and bruised ribs.

The kind that sent Bert Sutcliffe to hospital with a gashed ear when New Zealand played South Africa at Johannesburg last summer.

The kind that, in combination with a packed field around batsmen's bodies, became body-line and spread panic among the whole Australian team.

Ask bowlers about cricket's big risks and the answers also have a first-aid flavour — about knees, cartilages and feet damaged on rough or greasy foot-holds.

Ask fieldsmen, and you hear about broken fingers, painful shins and policemen who carried Sid Barnes from silly-leg to an ambulance after tailender Dick Pollard swiped one of Ian Johnson's off-breaks in a Test match.

For the international tours which attract a million people in an Australian summer, cricket-goers owe a lot to some big risks taken nearly 100 years ago.

A company was floated in

Australia seeking 2,000 shareholders at £2/10/- each to bring out an English cricket team. Failing to get enough support, the company went broke and the shareholders sued the secretary.

Yet few years later caterers Spiers and Pond, who ran the Cafe de Paris in Bourke Street, Melbourne, were game enough to put up £7,000 for a tour.

In those days, when half a sheep cost 2/6, £7,000 was enough to buy a city building. (Nowadays an English tour of Australia costs at least £45,000).

In those days the 12 players received £150 plus expenses.

This year there are 18 in the English team and each professional receives an allowance of £850.

The big risk taken by Spiers and Pond 93 years ago turned out to be a winner. The first match, which began on New Year's Day, 1862, returned enough to save any financial worries about the tour.

From that £7,000 interchange of Tests visits has grown until they make big news around the world.

When a captain wins the toss and is uncertain how the wicket will play he has to take a risk one way or the other. He can only be certain that, if he sends the other side in and results do not work out right, he will receive an unmerciful roasting.

Yet English and Australian captains have been brave enough to send the opposition in 25 times in Test matches. On 12 of these occasions the toss-winner's gamble has failed, six times it has succeeded and seven times the matches have been unfinished — including Lindsay Hassett's decision in the Leeds Test 1953.

When Hassett won the toss in the last Test at the Oval and

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followed the orthodox procedure by batting first, the Englishmen thought they had little chance.

In his book, *Playing to Win*, Test all-rounder Trevor Bailey says: "Little did we appreciate that our losing the toss was perhaps the biggest single factor responsible for our winning the match.

"From the balcony the pitch appeared placid, but we soon discovered it contained unsuspected life. And the atmosphere was ideal for swing bowling . . . I hate to think what Lindwall, Miller, Johnston, Archer and Davidson would have done to our batting . . ."

As it was, the moist wicket and heavy atmosphere gave Alec Bedser and fast bowler Freddie Trueman the opportunity to strike the first blows toward the defeat of Australia.

A few years ago, when Hassett won the toss at Sydney and sent West Indies in, an old identity at Sydney Cricket Ground stopped me and said, "This match will be remembered as Hassett's folly."

Australia won by seven wickets. In any case, West Indies skipper John Goddard had intended to send the Australians in if he called correctly.

Len Hutton took the biggest risk of his cricketing career and paid dearly for it when he took the field with an unvaried speed attack and sent Australia in to bat in the first Test in Brisbane on what proved a feather-bed wicket.

The worst risk ever taken by the Australian Board of Control was in sending a sub-standard team in England in 1912. A majority of board members were more concerned with imposing their will on the players about the appointment of a manager than with the prestige of Australian cricket in England.

A double-cross resulted in six of the best cricketers declining selection — the famous pair, Victor Trumper and Clem Hill, all-rounder Warwick Armstrong, fast bowler Albert Cotter, wicket-keeper Hanson Carter and left-hand batsman Vernon Ransford (now secretary of the Melbourne Cricket Club supervising the big rebuilding job for the Olympic Games in 1956).

The weak team took a drubbing from the Englishmen, won only nine of 37 matches, lost money and cast a shadow over

the future of international cricket tours.

Since World War II the worst risks taken by Australia's selectors have resulted in the loss of players who could be matchwinners now.

Left out of the 17 who toured England six years ago, Bruce Dooland, the whites race's best leg-spin bowler, is now a champion for Notts in English county cricket. He would walk into Australia's XI if we followed the West Indies practice

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of choosing men who are professionals abroad. If he were an Englishman, he would be helping Len Hutton retain the Ashes.

Dooland went to England on the heels of the finest left-handed googly bowler of recent years, George Tribe, who had been dropped from two of the five Tests of 1946-47.

On top of that, the selectors risked driving away the world's greatest all-rounder, Keith Miller, by leaving him out of the original team that toured South Africa five years ago. Australia has been lucky that the boner did not lose the most colourful postwar cricketer to tempting offers from the Lancashire League.

One big risk has a way of leading to others as a consequence.

For the last Test series before the war Australia's selectors caused deep relief among English batsmen and widespread joy among Englishmen at large by breaking up the most famous bowling combination of the time, O'Reilly and Grimmett.

Wily little Clarrie Grimmett was left behind in Adelaide. At 45 he was still capable of adding 20 wickets to his Australian record of 228 victims in 39 Tests, apart from his unassessed value as an accurate slow googly partner for the quicker O'Reilly.

When the final Test came at the Oval in 1938 Grimmett's absence left the team's selectors two losing choices:

To risk going into the Test on the heartbreaking Oval wicket of those days with two regular bowlers, O'Reilly and Fleetwood-Smith, plus all-rounders McCabe and Waite.

To risk including fast bowler Ernie McCormick though they were not sure that he would stand up to it, as he had twinges of neuritis in the shoulder.

They took the first risk and paid heavily. Len Hutton broke Bradman's Anglo-Australian Test record by making 364 and the Englishmen piled up more than 700 runs.

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Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

★ May, 1934

JOHN ROLES was in the news in May, 1934 . . . at least as far as the Magazine was concerned. Report stated that he was in the Changte, when that steamer grounded in the Philip-pines, but a cable from John soon told members that all was well. On his return later, John Roles strenuously denied that he was a Jonah — a suggestion that gained ground when mem-bers remembered that he was in the Cathay a year or two earlier when she shed a propeller and nearly foundered.

MAY 1934 saw further pro-gress with the newly-formed Tattersall's-Bowling Club. Games were arranged for every Friday, although the Bowlers had as yet no "home ground" — they played where they could gain acceptance. Each week there was a better turn-up, and it was soon obvious that the Bowl-ing Club—which had started with the formation of a single team — would become a fixed feature of Club life.

DURING the month there was a dinner to Hans Robertson on the eve of his wedding. A happy affair; presided over by the Chairman, Bill Hill and among the speakers, the young secretary of the Golfers, John Hickey.

THE Golfers met in May, 1934 at N.S.W. Club. They played a mixed "Canadian" Foursome, with Dr. and Mrs. Pittar the winners with a net 59 from Dr. and Mrs. Loudon. A Men's Fourball was taken by W. Dit-ford and the ubiquitous Hans Robertson from Bill Longworth and F. H. Brown.

IN the swimming, Alec Richards looked a moral to take the Dewar Cup, leading by no less than ten points from Ken Hun-ter, with brother Vic third. Alec also won the John Samuel Cup, a trophy given for points in a series of mixed events, including diving. During the month, the swimmers gave a send-off to Noel Ryan on his departure to the Empire Games; Ryan had been steadily training in the Pool.

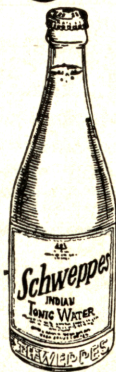
THE Annual General Meeting was held on 9th May that year. Members apparently were well satisfied with the progress the Club had made during the previous year — the four re-tiring committeemen were re-turned unopposed, as were the Chairman (Mr. W. W. Hill) and the Treasurer (Mr. S. E. Chat-terton).

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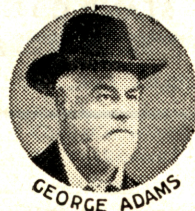
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Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 4
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Wed. 8
*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 11
*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 13

* (Winter Meeting)

(At Randwick)

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 18
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 25

JULY

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 2
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 9
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 16
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Wed. 20
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 23
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 30

AUGUST

A.J.C. (Randwick) Mon. 1
(Bank Holiday Meeting)
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 6
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Wed. 10
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 13
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 20
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 27

SEPTEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 3
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Wed. 7
Tattersall's Club (Randwick) Sat. 16
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 17
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 24

OCTOBER

*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 1
*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 3
*Australian Jockey Club Wed. 5
*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 8

*(Spring Meeting)

(At Randwick)

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Wed. 12
City Tatt's Club (Randwick) Sat. 15
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 22
A.J.C. (Randwick) Sat. 29

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A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 12
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 19
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Wed. 23
A.J.C. (Randwick) Sat. 26

DECEMBER

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Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Wed. 7
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 10
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 17
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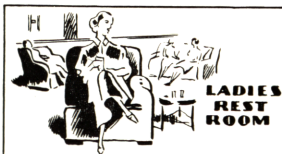


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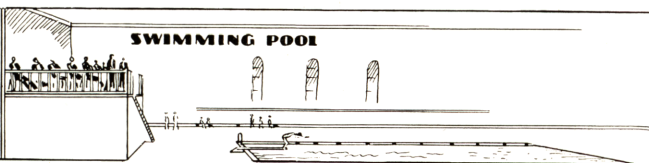


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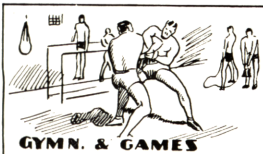


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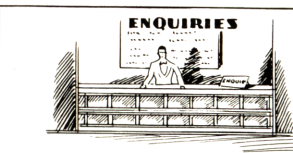
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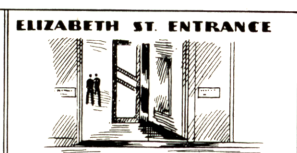
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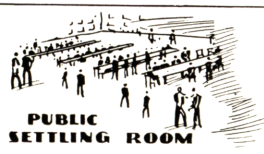


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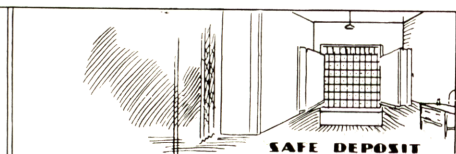
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